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Prices began the period unchanged to sharply lower across the country and finished the week unchanged to lower in the Eastern region and in Chicago. Prices elsewhere were unchanged. The trade sentiment was mostly barely steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate with some improvement noted by the week's close in areas where feature activity, planned or in progress, was a factor. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to instances ample, mostly fully adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged at the start of the week and were lower by the end of the period. Most breakers were out of the market and not interested in any additional product as even regular commitments were burdensome at times. Offerings were at least fully adequate. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak throughout the period.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	95-103	85-93	56-58
New York	54-56	51-54	34-37
Philadelphia	52-63.5	50-61.5	33-39.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	48-49	46.5-48	29-30
Jackson (1)	60-61	55-56	38-39
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	57-68	52-66	35-49
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	46-51	45-50	28-33
Detroit (2)	45-48	44-47	25-28
Major Ohio Cities (2)	46-52.5	45-51	26-32
Major Wisconsin Cities	49-57	47-54	29-36
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	63-65	59-60	41-43
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	83	75	60

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Sep-99 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	64.40	62.02	40.98
SOUTHERN	59.30	56.82	41.44
MIDWEST	52.83	51.53	34.69
WESTERN	79.39	73.66	58.35
TWELVE METRO AREAS	66.66	63.31	45.87

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	09-28-99	09-21-99	09-29-98
Large	28-30	32-34	52-54
Medium	11-13	17-19	20-22

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Sep 27, 1999 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.1	10.2	4.7	8.4	8.6	40.0
	Change	0.6	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.9	11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.4	20.2	9.8	24.2	17.7	99.3
	Change	3.9	-4.9	0.9	1.0	0.5	1%
Large	Curr Wk	52.6	51.1	54.7	68.0	73.6	300.0
	Change	12.8	-2.8	-0.1	3.8	3.8	6%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.3	26.9	15.8	25.1	24.1	104.2
	Change	-5.7	0.8	0.7	0.1	2.4	-2%
Small	Curr Wk	5.7	6.4	1.9	6.9	8.1	29.0
	Change	-0.7	-1.4	-1.0	0.3	0.7	-7%
Misc	Curr Wk	9.2	14.2	7.8	11.4	7.3	49.9
	Change	-1.7	-0.1	-4.6	0.4	2.9	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	33.1	75.4	14.5	23.2	53.4	199.6
	Change	3.7	-5.4	4.3	1.7	9.0	7%
Total	Curr Wk	148.4	204.4	109.2	167.2	192.8	822.0
Percent	Change	10%	-6%	1%	5%	12%	4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	822.0	4%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	482.9	-2%	38
Total Shell Egg	1304.9	2%	203

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 165 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 25-SEP-99

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,238,060	30,410	10,941	5,890	2,639	4,029
PW	1,185,374	27,407	10,847	5,911	2,376	3,717
LY	1,117,182	26,085	10,102	5,521	2,462	3,642
%PW	4	11	1	0	11	8
%LY	11	17	8	7	7	11
1999	42,002,686	976,354	400,763	218,503	98,310	132,796
1998	40,124,306	910,221	400,963	213,462	99,034	129,416

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -
CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST
WEEK WEEK YEAR
 41.41 40.39 40.59

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 25-SEP-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	246.5	6	10
E.N. CENTRAL	476.4	12	10
W.N. CENTRAL	191.4	6	17
S. ATLANTIC	199.5	-1	0
S. CENTRAL	73.7	-7	9
WEST	218.8	-2	0
TOTAL	1,406.3	4	8
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		91	91

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	15 Selected States SEP 18	SEP 25 Thousand	in 15 Selected States SEP 18	SEP 25
AL	27,499	26,693	19,745	19,478
AR	28,699	27,368	24,128	23,500
DE	3,804	4,101	4,458	5,298
FL	2,639	2,663	2,476	2,252
GA	*29,832	28,555	*24,340	24,014
MD	7,698	7,354	5,636	5,295
MS	16,800	15,985	13,974	14,828
NC	*16,466	17,456	*14,007	13,032
PA	*3,607	3,528	*2,834	2,820
SC	4,604	4,586	3,371	3,256
TX	13,178	12,743	10,153	10,907
VA	5,626	6,123	5,780	4,752
CA, TN, & WV	*9,636	10,319	*9,776	9,857
15 State Total	*170,088	167,474	*140,678	139,289
Previous Year	166,924	167,662	138,700	136,415
Pct. of Prev.	102	100	101	102

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 6-NOV-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 148.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 148.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 145.0 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 154.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 64.18 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 09/23/99-09/29/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	34.00	31.83	34.00	35.83	28.00	—	34.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	29.00	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	18.75	22.00	4.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	19.50	22.00	3.00
GL W XL	—	—	41.00	41.29	37.04	—	15.00
GL W LG	—	38.33	37.33	39.30	34.54	—	14.75
GL W MD	—	36.00	16.63	17.80	19.56	21.00	17.00
GL W SM	17.00	—	14.75	16.80	—	19.00	6.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	26.54	26.04	38.00
NRBS - 45	15.00	16.00	22.00	24.00	—	—	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 25-SEP-99

SELECTED CENTERS	CONSUMING		PW		PERCENT CHG	
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	PW	LY
ATLANTA	28.7	30.1	—	—	-5	-9
BOSTON	6.1	5.6	—	—	9	-50
CHICAGO	40.4	47.5	—	—	-15	-25
DETROIT	24.2	22.1	—	—	10	14
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	—	—	0	0
LOS ANGELES	86.8	88.1	—	—	-1	7
NEW ORLEANS	9.3	11.6	—	—	-20	-33
NEW YORK	35.5	38.1	—	—	-7	-18
ST. LOUIS	15.6	14.9	—	—	5	47
SAN FRANCISCO	20.6	20.7	—	—	0	-5
TOTAL	267.3	278.8	—	—	-4	-8
4 WK MVG AVG	285.2	—	—	—	—	—

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 18-SEP-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	4,818	29	4,847
AVGWT	0.00	24.95	28.48	24.97
LAST WEEK	0	3,969	48	4,017
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,602	39	5,641
AVGWT	0.00	24.56(A)	24.64	24.56
TO-DATE/1999	55	177,668(A)	1,324	179,047
TO-DATE/1998	72	186,793(A)	1,376	188,241
(A) Includes 559,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 953,000 in 1998.				

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 18-SEP-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL HEAD	TKY AVG
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG				
NEAST	962	166	22.27	(A)	(A)	963	22.30
SATL	469	5	28.46	(A)	(A)	474	28.46
N CENT	1,967	-14	27.57	(A)	(A)	1,982	27.57
S CENT	711	3	19.03	NONE	NONE	711	19.03
WEST	709	273	24.91	(A)	(A)	717	24.94
U.S.TOTAL	4,818 (B)	21	24.95	0	29	4,847	24.97
TO DATE	177,668 (B)	—	—	55	1,324	179,047	—
TO DATE	186,793 (B)	—	—	72	1,376	188,241	—

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 13,000 for the year 559,000; last year to date 953,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 25-Sep-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	155,941(A)	1,994	1,657	3,651	506
AVGWT	5.04	3.48	7.72	5.41	6.49
LAST WEEK	152,393	2,014	1,484	3,498	454
YR AGO	149,038	1,903	1,304	3,207	444
AVGWT	4.79	3.33	7.89	5.18	6.89
TO-DATE/1999	5,762,583	80,116	52,776	132,892	16,827
TO-DATE/1998	5,545,099	78,974	47,885	126,859	17,169

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.8 million head or 4.6 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Oct 02

	CURRENT WEEK 10/02/99(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/25/99
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	157,782(2)	158,676
LT HENS	1,930	1,982
HVY HENS	1,809	1,699
TOTAL	161,521	162,357

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Oct-99 is 151.8 million head compared to 150.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.7 million head or 7.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 09-Oct-99 the estimated available is 149.7 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
AUGUST 21	155.9	155.5	100	4.81
28	159.4	154.6	103	4.85
SEPTEMBER 4	157.9	152.7	103	4.86
11	136.8	150.8	91	4.91
18	154.2	151.7	102	4.87
25	157.8	153.2	103	5.04
YEAR TO DATE	5834.1	5791.7	101	
OCTOBER 2		151.8		
9		149.7		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from				
27-Sep-99	20-Sep-99	20-Sep-99	28-Sep-98	
54.46	-1.31	55.77	69.68	
NUMBER OF LOADS	621			
MONTHLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE		LOADS		
SEPTEMBER	57.15	2716.20		
QUARTERLY				
JULY-SEPTEMBER	58.10	8583.40		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 9/27-10/02/99.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	40.00-44.00	44.51	51	47.45	84
Los Angeles	65.00	63.80	83	60.57	132
New York	39.00-51.00	43.23	46	52.64	101

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	77-79	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-78	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	72-74	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	72-75	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-73	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 27-Sep-99	2,900	187,041	97,344
AM 1-Sep-99	3,039	192,814	95,979
CHG	-139	-5773	1365
PCT CHG	-5	-3	1

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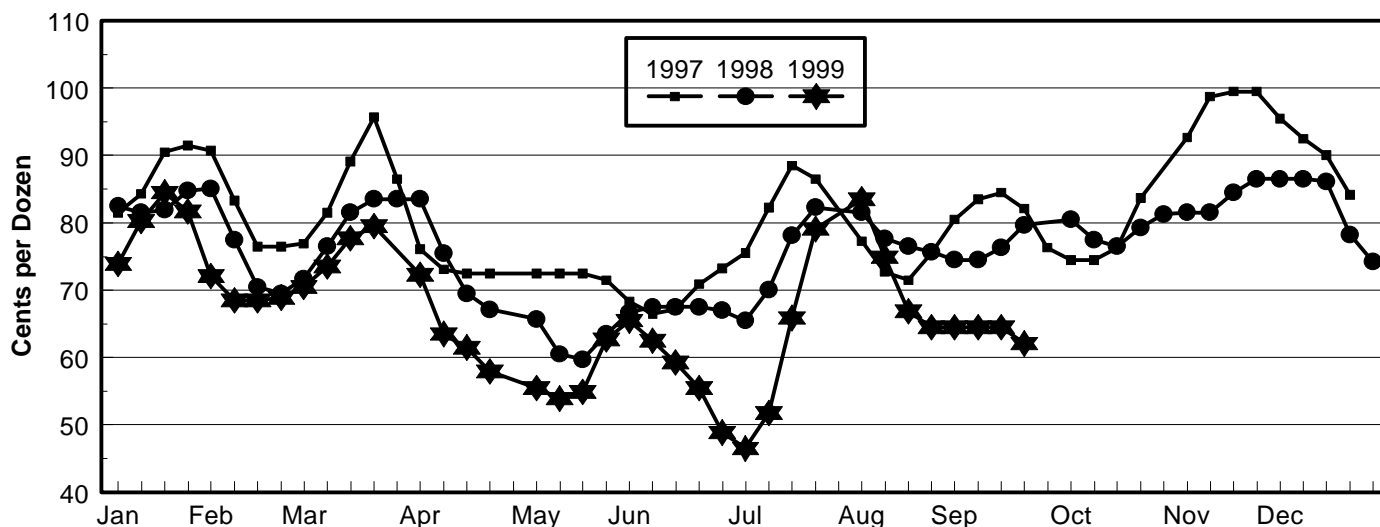
Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY TYPE			
9/27/99	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	7-17(1)	9.5-14.5	11.79
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8-19.5(1)	11-13	12.04
9/24/99	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0-0(1)		
Eastern	TFEWR 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-.5(2)		
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading			
(2) At Farm Producer Loading			

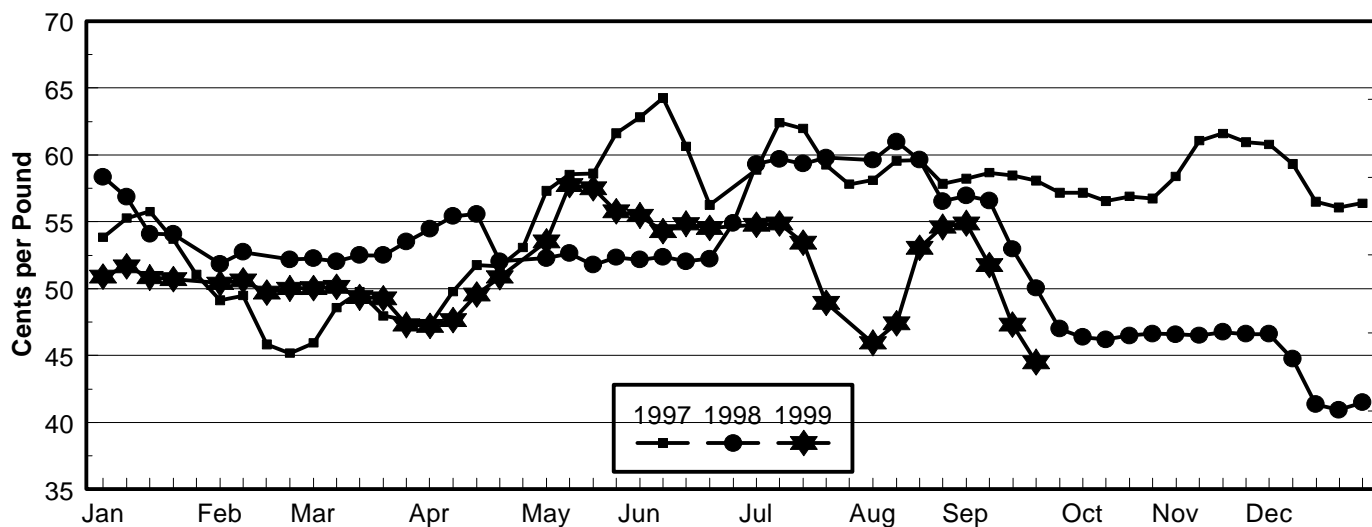
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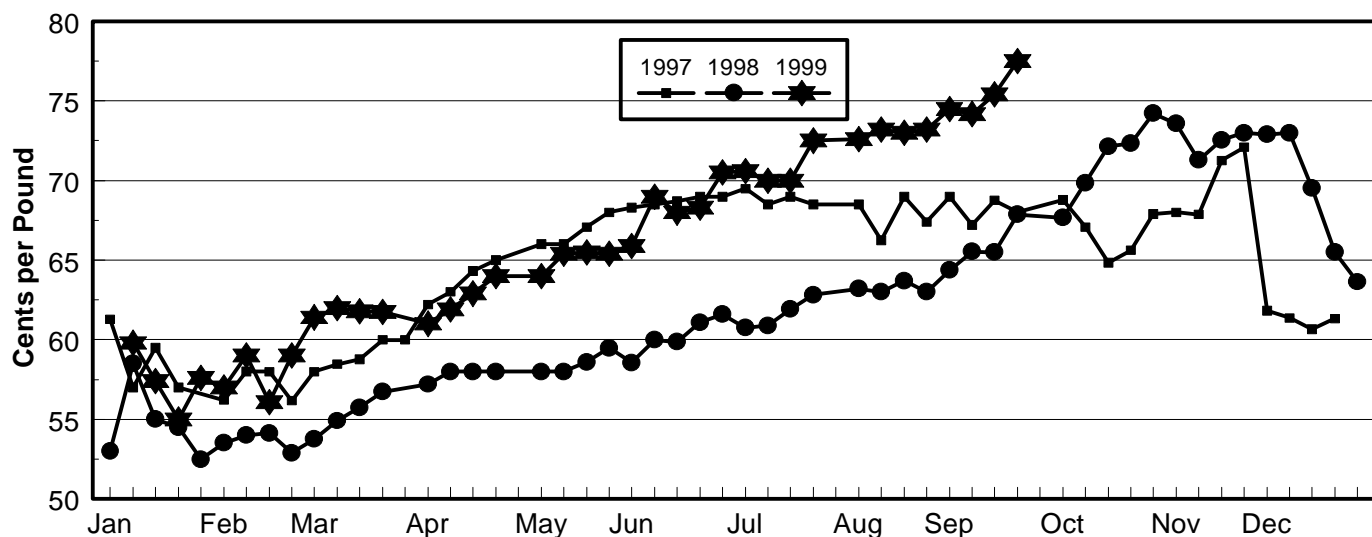
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1997, 1998, 1999



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.